



# ABENAKI NEWS



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SUMMER 2015

## WING CALENDAR

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CAP Executive Administrator

### JULY

**15 Commander's Call CON**  
**12-19 NH/VT Summer Acad.**  
**Norwich, VT**  
**24-3 Aug IACE**

### AUGUST

**2-9 NER Glider Academy, VT**  
**19 Commander's Call CON**  
**16-23 NER Glider Academy, VT**

### SEPTEMBER

**5-7 SARCOMP Westover**  
**12 Character Day Durham**  
**Browne Center**  
**16 Commander's Call CON**  
**19 Wing Conference**

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## COMMANDER'S CORNER

Col. Robert W. Shaw, NHW Commander

Winter has finally passed and spring is turning to summer. There has been a lot accomplished since the last newsletter was published. We had some big events take place. There was the annual 3 day SAREX/TRAINEX in Whitefield, NH where we were able to work with NH Fish and Game on the search for a PLB (Personal Locating Beacon). This is a new technology that is being used by lost hikers or hikers in distress. So it is important that we all know how to work together to coordinate the search when a signal is activated. The training event was a big success and everyone attending got a lot of training and had a good time doing so. Another event that has great significance to our wing is the CI (Compliance Inspection). We have been diligently preparing for this since January. It is an event that takes place every 4 years. CAP-USAFA and CAP sends in a team to go over everything we do to insure that all is being done according to regulations and that all assets are in good order and accounted for. It is a very time consuming process and no stone is left unturned. This was finished on June 14<sup>th</sup> and I am happy to report that our wing received a SUCCESSFUL on the CI. This was very welcomed news at the out briefing.

We are now headed into our summer activities. We have Encampment, Non Commissioned Officer Leaders School and Honor Guard at Norwich July 12-19. We have the IACE (International Air Cadet Exchange) coming to NHWG. We are one of 9 wings hosting these exchange cadets. We have two cadets and senior escort from Hong Kong and two cadets from Australia coming to visit us. We are also sending 5 cadets and two escorts to the UK for two weeks. It is our turn to visit the UK and we anticipate they will, again, visit us next year.

We have our annual National Conference at Disney World in Orlando, Florida in late August and our own wing conference in September.

The wing currently stands in 5<sup>th</sup> place for the number of flying hours per aircraft. This is good news especially considering the weather and aircraft maintenance. However, we have about 250 hours of cadet O-Flights that we need to accomplish in the next 3 months. So the push is on with good weather here to get the cadets flying. If we don't use the funds allocated to this our funds will be reduced for next year. We have all worked very hard to get the funding we have for O-Flights and to date we have only used a quarter of it. Get that first flight now!!!

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## AWARDS AND PROMOTIONS

**MITCHELL AWARD**

Tyler Lane	Greater Nashua
Ryan Santoro	Greater Nashua
Elizabeth Saucier	Greater Nashua
Danielle Brackett	Seacoast
Ethan Hughes	Monadnock
Hunter Martin	Hawk
Ethan Cray	Hawk

**CONCORD**

Colby Hammond	C/1Lt
John Canary	C/CMSgt
Olivia Ceresa	C/CMSgt
Jonathan Hurd	C/CMSgt
Maureen Milligan	C/CMSgt
Nathan Stryko	C/CMSgt
Warren Quinlan	C/SMSgt
Elijah Stringer	C/SMSgt
Kira Wood	C/SMSgt
Noah Ceresa	C/MSgt
Caleb Planchet	C/MSgt
Joseph Planchet	C/MSgt
Joy Planchet	C/MSgt
Blake Scott	C/MSgt
Caitlyn Hammond	C/TSgt
Peter Donovan	C/SrA
Marcus Drew	C/SrA
Emilee Harlow	C/SrA
Daniel John-Zensky	C/SrA
Tailor Owen	C/SrA
Katarina Provost	C/SrA
Devin Perry	C/A1C
Sarah Phillips	C/A1C
Anthony Dal Pos	C/A1C
Ryan Berube	C/Amn
Samuel Booker	C/Amn
Logan Brides	C/Amn
Hayden Decato	C/Amn
Joshua Langlais	C/Amn
Anthony Salisbury	C/Amn
Jonathan Stark	C/Amn
Alexander Wells	C/Amn

**GREATER NASHUA**

Tyler Lane	C/2Lt
Ryan Santoro	C/2Lt
Elizabeth Saucier	C/2Lt
Jeremy Ralls	C/CMSgt
Matthew Watrous	C/CMSgt
Alec Watson	C/CMSgt
Chance Lavoie	C/SMSgt
Timothy Morin	C/SMSgt
Preston Tang	C/SMSgt
Andrew Crusan	C/TSgt
Pedro Guerra	C/SSgt
Connor Hodgkins	C/SrA
Paul MacAllister	C/A1C
Mark Case	C/Amn
Nicholas Gage	C/Amn
Zachary Loverin	C/Amn

**HAWK**

Brendan Drew	C/ Capt.
Hunter Martin	C/2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt.
Ethan Cray	C/2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt

**HUMPHREY**

Trystan Elliott	C/CMSgt
Tanner Bogner	C/SMSgt
Michael Lai	C/TSgt
Alexander Johnson	C/SrA
Brian Jiminez	C/SrA
Isabella Wang	C/SrA
Brendan Corban	C/A1C
Simon Goryayinov	C/A1C
Charles Guischard	C/A1C
Nicholas Federico	C/A1C
Cyril Lee	C/A1C
Matthew Heiter	C/A1C
Constance Nino	C/A1C
Christopher Wang	C/A1C
Logan Harbison	C/Amn

**LEBANON**

Joah Moss	C/1Lt
Jack Heller	C/2Lt
Zethan Moss	C/SrA
Matthew Dailey	C/Amn

**MONADNOCK**

Ethan Hughes	C/2Lt
Jacob Sanchez	C/SMSgt
Mariah Stebbins	C/SSgrt
Cooper Knowles	C/Amn
Pearl Allen	C/Amn
Sam Corban	C/Amn
Aaron Moore	C/Amn

**SEACOAST**

Alex Rose	C/Major
Justin Snyder	C/2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt
Danielle Brackett	C/2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt
Connor Heyland	C/CMSgt
Adeline Nicholson	C/MSgt
Katelyn VanAken	C/MSgt
Michael Van Aken	C/TSgt
Brennan VanAken	C/SSgt
Christopher Furmanick	C/SrA
Henry Wierda	C/SrA
Seth Noyes	C/A1C
Nick Ryan	C/A1C
Kameron Virkaitis	C/A1C
Kadin Virkaitis	C/Amn
Kyle Wybranowski	C/Amn
Kyle Schalitz	C/Amn

**SENIOR MEMBERS**

Jeffery Adams	Major
Jackie Lambert	Major
Jim Melanson	Capt.
George Bloomberg	1 <sup>st</sup> Lt
Greg Acone	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt
Timothy Terry	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt
Robert Fuller	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt
Frank Perry	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt
Jennifer Stringer	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt

Major Diane Lambert graduated National Staff College



## SQUADRON NEWS

Submitted by Individual Units



### CONCORD COMPOSITE SQUADRON

The annual Air Force Association Cadet award was presented to C/SMSgt Olivia Ceresa for her continued hard work and exemplary performance. She was also appointed as First Sergeant. The new Basic Flight graduated May 28. Curry awards and promotion to C/Amn were presented to those who completed the requirements. Thirteen cadets and senior members participated in the annual support of the Concord Veteran's Council by assisting in the replacement of American flags on over 1500 veteran's graves at Blossom Hill Cemetery. The squadron will be holding a fundraiser for WAA at Sam's Club in Concord by selling sponsorships for the wreaths for Blossom Hill cemetery.



Cadet Ceresa collecting worn flags at Blossom Hill Cemetery

### GREATER NASHUA COMPOSITE SQUADRON

A number of squadron members assisted with the Young Eagles Day at Nashua Airport on 6 June by ensuring flight line safety at the event. Joint marksmanship training with Manchester Squadron and the Naval Sea Cadets was held on 16 May. The

squadron joined with the Humphrey Cadet Squadron to march in the Nashua Memorial Day Parade. An open house was held on 30 April. First Aid training was provided to those interested back in April.

### HAWK COMPOSITE SQUADRON

The squadron held a fundraiser at UNO's in Tilton. The recent Great Start was a great success and was held with the Wylie Apte Squadron. A big thank you goes to all those who supported the squadron's scholarship and financial aid fund raisers. Capt. Orgettas will be stepping down as unit commander in July. 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Cray will be taking over the unit. The squadron will be participating in a 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade in Andover/Laconia. The beverage can fundraiser has ended.



C/2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Hunter Martin with his Dad John who received his Mitchell 30 yrs. ago

### HIGHLANDERS CADET SQUADRON

Highlanders members participated in the Rochester Memorial Day parade and provided a Color Guard. Cadet Jobe was recently presented with the Albert and Margie Sambold Solo Flight Scholarship. He will be attending a glider academy in VT in August.





Jim Sambold with Cadet Jobe and Maj. Gilbert

### HUMPHREY CADET SQUADRON

The squadron color guard participated in the Nashua Memorial Day parade and carried the colors for the Disabled American Veterans. They did a great job on very short notice.

### LEBANON COMPOSITE SQUADRON

The members participated in the Norwich, VT Memorial Day Parade and the Whitefield SAREX.



Lebanon's "Downed Pilot" at Whitefield SAREX

## MANCHESTER COMPOSITE SQUADRON

The squadron held an Open House on May 21<sup>st</sup> with a number of guests attending. The guests received instruction in standing at attention, saluting and some customs and courtesies. Members took part in the Londonderry American Legion Flag disposal on Flag Day. The squadron has participated in this for a long time and it has become a proud tradition.

A new squadron patch is in the works to coincide with the unit becoming a composite squadron. It pays tribute to the legacy of the squadron mascot as well as its deep roots as a search and rescue squadron. Its four stars represent the four core values of CAP.



Flag Disposal at Londonderry American Legion

## MONADNOCK COMPOSITE SQUADRON

The squadron had a special guest, Ms. Sally Stockwell, Congressional Gold Medal recipient at a squadron event. She was a cadet member of the Keene Squadron during WWII. The Honor Guard is practicing diligently for a July 4 presentation.

New cadet members Ranagan and Bruns have come aboard as has new senior member FO Erin Hughes who will be serving as squadron IT. FO Tyler Lewandowski has transitioned to senior member and will be assisting Maj. Karsten with historian duties. Cadet Solomonides has departed for West Point and we wish him well.

Four cadets formed a color guard for Loyalty Day held at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge along with several other color guards from the local area.

Members participated in the Keene and Swanzey Memorial Day parades and attended a ceremony at the local American Legion post and had lunch with the veterans.

A summer bivouac is planned for Capt. Hotin's property.



Cadet Ethan Hughes with State Rep. Jim McConnell

## SEACOAST COMPOSITE SQUADRON

At a recent promotion and awards evening cadets Cornell, Wierda and Noyes received their NRA Marksman award and cadet Nicholson received her Pro-Marksman. Lt. Bonnie Rose received her Mission Scanner aircrew wings.

A large group of cadets recently visited the UNH Browne Center to use their team building ropes and obstacle course. Prior to actually using the course Capt. Greene, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard commander spoke to the cadets about the use of teamwork to get things done that one person could not do alone.

On April 30<sup>th</sup> the squadron held a special Congressional Gold Medal ceremony to recognize three former members who served CAP during WWII. Daniel Harvey was presented with his gold medal replica as was the wife of former member David Watson and Sheila Vancour, the daughter of Joe Verna. The latter two have since passed away but were very active in CAP for many years. Also present was Deb White whose parents Claude and Flora Goodrich were members of the Portsmouth Squadron during WWII. Deb went to DC to receive their medal at the gala ceremony.

Upcoming this weekend is a bivouac at Lt. Wegner's home in Strafford. Also upcoming is special guest Col. Mary Feik's visit to the squadron to talk to the cadets and present C/CMSgt Brackett with her Mitchell award. Cadet Brackett wrote Col. Feik a letter asking her to come to present her with her Mitchell and she agreed to do so. She will be in attendance at the June 25 awards and promotions night. The awards



night also saw seven Basic Cadets graduate and they also received first flight certificates. Maj. Washington received a Command Service ribbon and Recruiting Ribbon.



Cadet Brackett receiving 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Bars from  
Her Dad and Col. Mary Feik

Several cadets and seniors attended a flag retirement ceremony at the Exeter Sportsman's Club. A group of Boy Scouts were also in attendance. Flags from local cemeteries and from other groups were retired in a solemn ceremony.

Congratulations to Maj. Diane Lambert who recently graduated from National Staff College at NHQ in Alabama.



Daniel Harvey, Deborah White, Sheila Vancour, Lorna Watson  
Col. Dale Hardy. In back LTC Nic Goupil and Maj. Washington

## Commander's Corner continued

In June NHWG hosted the Northeast Region Area Command Center exercise. This was an event where the other wings came to NHWG Headquarters to see how our facility is equipped to respond to a disaster. NHWG is one of two NER RCC in the NER. All were impressed by what has been done to outfit our Command Center, as many can see the difference in the infrastructure since Hurricane Sandy.

Thank you all for the time that you give in support of CAP. Our Missions of Emergency Services, Cadet Programs, and Aerospace Education could not be accomplished without your generous support of time and skills.



Lebanon Mitchell Award  
LTC McGary, C/2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Heller, Maj. Moss



Major Diane Lambert at NSC Graduation Evening



Lebanon Color Guard at Norwich, VT Parade



Humphrey Cadets at Nashua Parade



Seacoast Basic Cadets w/First Flight certificates